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REVISION OF MSP OF CHILLI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers in Andhra Pradesh are suffering losses in the sale of chillies in the market;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to revise the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of chilli crop in order to provide relief to the chilli growing farmers in the State; and

(c) if so, the extent of relief is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): To provide relief to the chilli growing farmers in Andhra Pradesh, the Government of India has implemented Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 30,000 tonnes of chilli at the Market Intervention Price (MIP) of Rs.2700/- per quintal for premium quality and Rs.2500/- per quintal for common quality from 23.03.2005 to 31.05.2005. The procurement of chilli in Andhra Pradesh during the current year till date has been 1500 tonnes all of which are of common quality. During 2003-04, procurement of chilli under MIS was 27,910 tonnes out of the targeted quantity of 30,000 tonnes. In 2003-04, only one price i.e. Rs.2650/- per quintal was fixed for chilli without reference to quality differentials.